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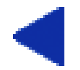


Ryan O'Brien wanted to earn some money.
He earned it by painting the
neighbor's fence.
Ryan O'Brien counted his money.
He had five dollars and fifty-five cents!



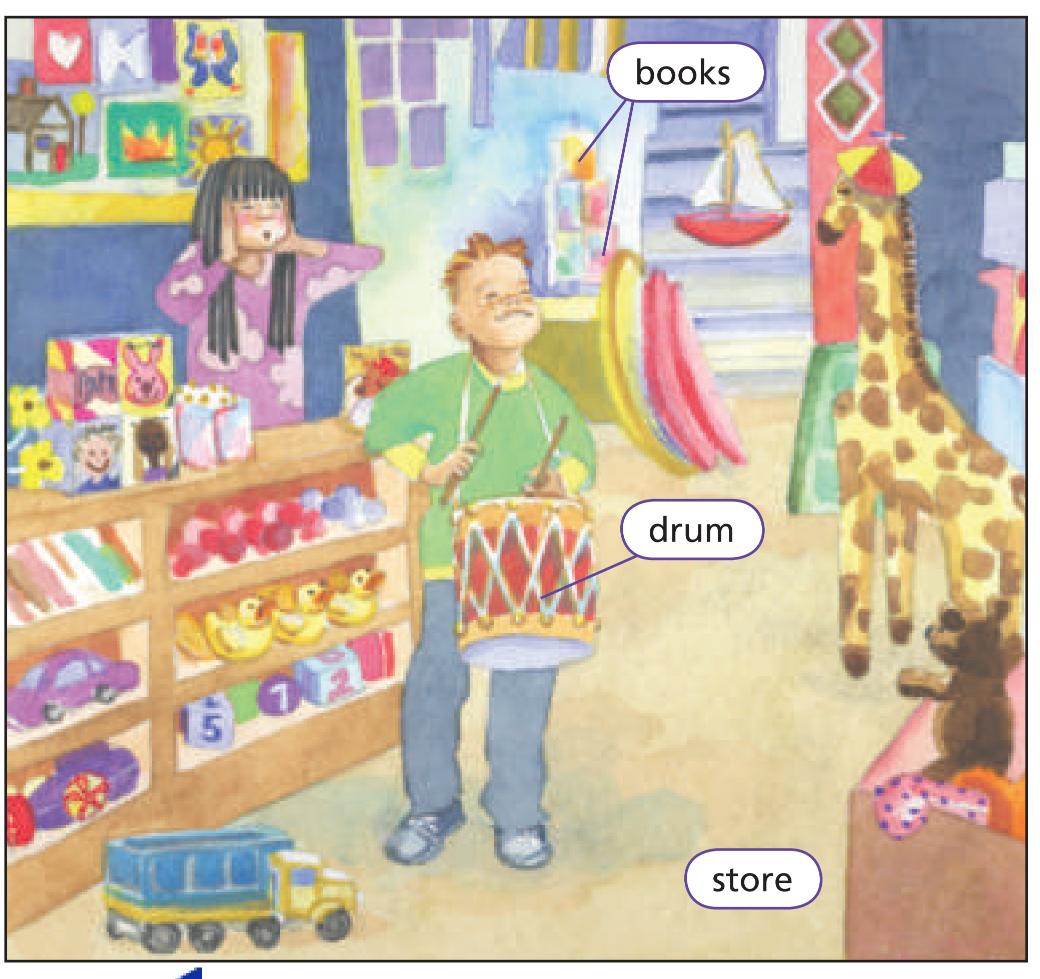
Ryan O'Brien sat down on the ground.
He counted his money once more.
"Five dollars, two quarters, a nickel,"
he said.
"I think I will go to the store!"

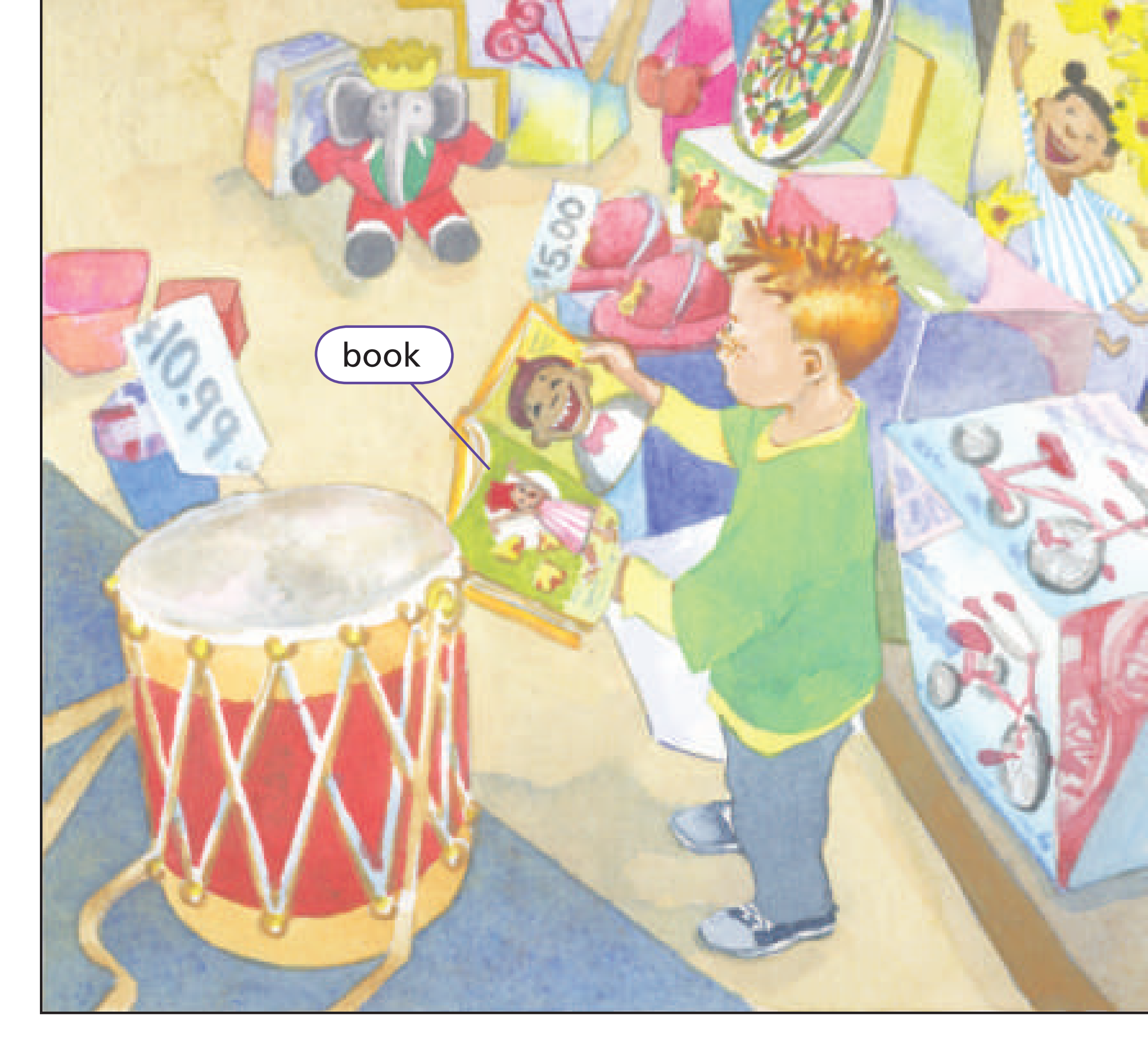






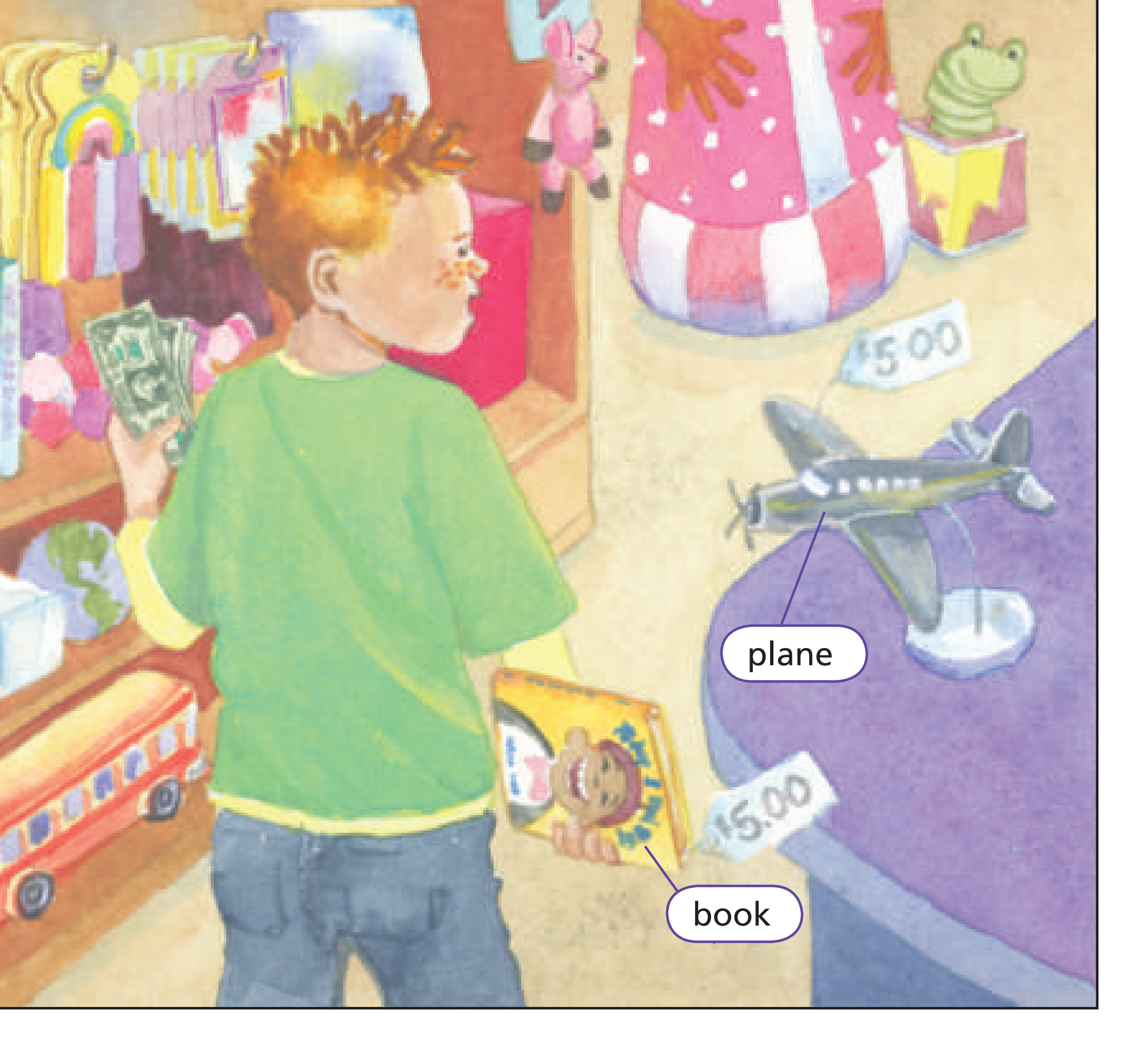
Ryan O'Brien walked to the store.
The store had some books and some toys.
Ryan O'Brien picked out a drum.
He played it. It made a loud noise!







Ryan O'Brien looked at the price.
"This drum is expensive. It costs lots of money."
Ryan O'Brien put the drum back.
He picked up a book. It was funny.



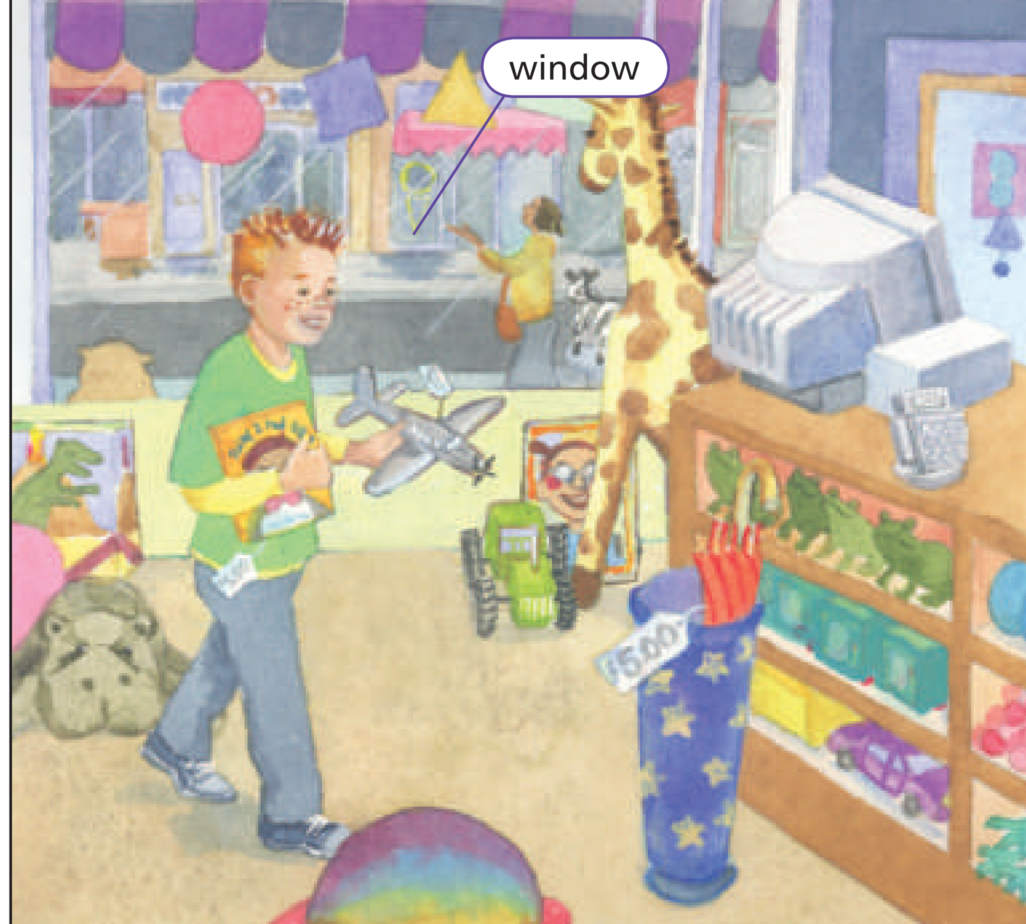


Ryan O'Brien wanted the book.
He had enough money to buy it.
Ryan O'Brien was going to pay.
He saw a plane and wanted to fly it.





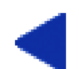
Ryan O'Brien thought a long time.
Should he buy the book or the plane?
Ryan O'Brien looked out the window.
He saw it was starting to rain.







Ryan O'Brien put down the plane.
He put the book back on the pile.
Ryan O'Brien bought an umbrella.
He walked home with 55 cents—and
a smile!





Talk About It

1. Ryan likes the book and the toy plane. Why can't he buy both things?
2. Why is Ryan smiling at the end of the story?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write about one of the toys you see in the store.

Extend Language

In this book, Ryan did a lot of things. He painted. He walked. *Painted* and *walked* are verbs, or words that tell about actions. Can you find some other action verbs in this book?

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